Special projects for undeveloped districts of Orissa

1151. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement special projects for undeveloped districts of western Orissa keeping in view the fact that the newly created Coastal Orissa Development Council is not able to do enough development works due to lack of sufficient funds from State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) The Special Project component of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) ensures trying out new and viable initiatives of pioneering nature of self-employment with a focus on BPL families for all the rural areas in the country including underdeveloped district of western Orissa.

(d) Two special projects namely (i) Special Project for Creation of Integrated Network of Marketing of Rural Products by ORMAS in Boudh, Sonepur, Bolangir, Phulbani, Nawapara, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Nawrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri District and (ii) Milk Powder Plant at Bhubaneshwar Dairy Chandrasekharpur district Khurda have been sanctioned for Orissa with a total cost of Rs. 1482.00 lakhs and Rs. 900.00 lakhs, respectively. The Ministry has not received any request from Coastal Orissa Development Council for any insufficient fund in this regard.

Schemes for rural areas

1152. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new schemes and programmes formulated by the Government for two-third population residing in rural areas of the country during the Tenth Plan for total poverty alleviation; and

(b) the details indicating the total budget allotted for implementation of the said scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has formulated the major schemes of the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, (SGSY), the Sampoorn Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), the Swajal Dhara, Haryali and the Rural Sanitation Programme (RSP) for implantation in the rural areas during the Tenth Plan Period.

(b) The major objectives of these Schemes are to provide employment, alleviate rural poverty, development of the rural areas in general and improve the quality of life of the rural poor. The Central Budget allocation for these Schemes during 2003-04 is Rs. 9925.00 crores.

Construction of roads in hilly States under PMGSY

†1153. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the roads in kilometers expected to be constructed in different States during the financial year 2003-04 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether there is any proposal to completely relax the criteria for selection of roads under this Yojana in hilly States and select them as per requirement of the state area; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to bring hilly States in line with other States so that they could be benefited like other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The length of the roads proposed for construction in 2003-04 under the PMGSY by Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram and Rajasthan and cleared by the Ministry is 9979.49 km. Proposals of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu,

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